



# “THE GOLDHEAD”

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Tied and photographed  
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## MATERIALS

**HOOK:** TMC 921, Size 12. Scud hooks also look good.

**THREAD:** Camel or similar

**BEAD HEAD:** 5/64” Gold.

**WIRE:** Brass, small.

**ABDOMEN:** Ice Dubbing, Caddis Green.

**TRAILING LEGS, WINGS:** Mallard Flank. Partridge also works well.

**THORAX:** Australian Opossum, March Brown. Peacock or Ostrich Herl, Mink and other dubbing types and colors work well.

The Goldhead is a cool looking nymph and has produced some fish at Fuller Lake. The pattern comes from the back of a tee shirt I purchased a number of years ago at the “Whorly-Bugger Fly Co.” in Ellensburg, Washington. Obviously there isn’t a recipe on the shirt and I have not been able to find any reference to the pattern in my limited library. So, after quite a bit of experimenting, following is my recipe for The Goldhead. The pattern lends itself to many variations, so use your imagination.

## Tying Instructions

1. (Photo 1) After de-barbing the hook, slip on the gold bead. Lay a thread foundation and secure the wire and wind the thread back to the middle of the bend of the hook.



Photo 1

2. (Photo 2) Dub the Ice Dubbing with a taper for about one half of the body length. Wrap the wire over the body with about four wraps and tie off.



Photo 2

3. (Photo 3) Tie in a small bunch of mallard flank feathers on the underside of the hook adjacent to the abdomen, extending a short distance beyond the bend of the hook. Tie in another larger bunch



Photo 3

of mallard flank feathers on top of the hook adjacent to the abdomen, extending 3/4 of the body length beyond the bend of the hook.

4. (Photo 4) Dub the Australian opossum from the end of the abdomen to the bead head. Tie off and whip finish. You’re done!



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